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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED EMBASSY OF FORMATION OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL, UNDER AUSPICES OF EMPRESS FARAH. MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES MANY DISTINGUISHED IRANIANS, FORMER AMBASSADORS, EDITORS, SENATORS, SCHOLARS, INCLUDING DR. HASSAN ALAVI, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF IRAN-AMERICA SOCIETY. SECRETARY GENERAL IS FARHAD NIKUKHAH, FORMER UNDER SECRETARY MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, WHO HAD IMPORTANT ROLE IN ORGANIZATION OF IRAN'S CELEBRATION OF 2,500 ANNIVERSARY AT PERSEPOLIS IN 1971. NOW SPECIAL ADVISOR TO PRIME MINISTER.

2. THERE IS ALSO WORKING LEVEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH INCLUDES DR. REZA AMINI, PRESS ADVISOR AT USIS TEHRAN.

3. AT INITIAL MEETINGS BOTH ALAVI AND AMINI, HAVING BEEN FULLY BRIEFED, ADVANCED SUGGESTION THAT IRAN CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT ONE OR MORE IRANIAN UNIVERSITIES. REACTION FAVORABLE. WE PURSUING THIS, MAKING AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON WHAT IS INVOLVED IN ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM OR CHAIR.

4. TODAY, INFORMAL CALL ON NIKUKHAH, WE PROPOSED THAT QUEEN'S COMMITTEE CONSIDER HOSTING AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 1975 IN IRAN. NIKUKHAH'S REACTION POSITIVE; HE AGREED BRING IT BEFORE COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING, NEXT THURSDAY. THERE ARE TO BE WEEKLY MEETING THEREAFTER. WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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